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COME NOW, Plaintiffs and Defendants and jointly request that the Court continue the December 14, 2009, Status Conference in these matters. In support of said stipulated request, the parties state as follows:

- 1. By Order of this Court dated July 1, 2009 there is a Status Conference in these matters set for December 14, 2009.
- 2. As set forth in Plaintiffs' and Defendants' previous reports to this Court, the parties herein have been seeking final approval of settlements that would dispose of the claims asserted in this action and others. On July 16, 2008, the parties presented a Joint Motion for Preliminary Approval of said settlements to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in the pending matter styled as *Kingsborough v. Sprint Communications Company, L.P.*, Case No. 07-CV-10651. On July 18, the *Kingsborough* court issued an Order Preliminarily Approving Class-Action Settlements, Certifying Settlement Classes, and Directing Notice. The Preliminary Approval Order granted preliminary approval to, *inter alia*, a state-wide California class action settlement agreement that, if finally approved by the *Kingsborough* court, would have resolved all the claims asserted by the Plaintiffs in this case. The court scheduled a Fairness Hearing for November 17, 2008.
- 3. On August 8, 2008, the Claims Administrator mailed Notice of the settlements to class members. On September 22, 2008, the deadline for requesting exclusion from participation in the settlement expired.
- 4. The *Kingsborough* court held the Fairness Hearing on November 17, 2008. The parties and certain objectors presented argument on the Joint Motion for Final Approval of Class-Action Settlements. The court took the Motion under advisement.

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	5.	On April 28 and April 30, 2009, the Kingsborough court ordered counsel for
the p	olaintiffs a	and defendants to submit briefing on various settlement issues, and said briefing
was	filed on N	May 12, 2009. An objector also filed briefing on May 20, 2009.

- On September 10, 2009, the Kingsborough court issued an order dismissing 6. the case for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. On September 24, 2009, Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Alter or Amend Order of Dismissal and Memorandum in Support, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 59(e), seeking certain clarifications and corrections, but not challenging the finding on the issue of subject matter jurisdiction. Counsel representing parties in Kingsborough who are not parties to this case have filed motions challenging the September 10, 2009 order, but no further orders have been entered on any pending motions.
- 7. Plaintiffs have discussed with Defendants the possibility of negotiating a new settlement or settlements relating to the claims at issue here. Defendants have expressed a desire to reach a settlement of the claims at issue here (as well as other claims), and the parties have agreed to resume mediation under the guidance of Professor Eric Green of Resolutions, LLC in Boston on Saturday, December 12, 2009.
- 8. In order to allow the parties sufficient time to explore settlement, the parties jointly request that the Court extend the current stay for 60 days and require the filing of a Joint Status Report on or about January 29, 2010.
- 9. At the time this matter was stayed pending developments in connection with the Kingsborough matter, Plaintiffs had filed an amended complaint in preparation for filing a new motion for class certification, which plaintiffs believe will address the concerns noted by the Court in denying Plaintiffs' original certification request and related motion for The parties anticipate that if any party concludes sufficient settlement progress is not being made, that party will ask the court – on or before the date of the next

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Status Report - to lift the stay, establish deadlines for filing establish a discovery and briefing schedule for that class certification motion.

10. The parties are happy to participate in a status conference on December 14, 2009 by telephone if a conference would be helpful to the Court at this time.

WHEREFORE, the parties jointly request that the Court extend the stay for a period of 60 days and Order a Joint Status Report to be filed on or about January 29, 2010, with leave for any party to request in the interim that the stay be lifted and a scheduling order be entered if sufficient progress toward settlement is not being made.

**DATED**: December 9, 2009 Respectfully submitted,

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### **ORDER**

The Court, having reviewed the parties' stipulation concerning the December 14, 2009 Status Conference, and for the reasons stated therein, finds that the relief requested by the parties should be granted.

IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the December 14, 2009 Status Conference is continued until at <u>February 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.</u>, and the parties are ordered to file a joint status report no later than 14 calendar days prior to the hearing.

DATED: December 10, 2009

WILLIAM B. SHUBB

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I, Antesha Esteves, certify and declare under penalty of perjury that I: am a citizen of the United States; am over the age of 18 years; am employed by Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece, LLP, at the address indicated, whose members are members of the State Bar of California and at least one of those members is a member of the Bar of each Federal District Court within California; am not a party to or interested in the cause entitled upon the document to which this Proof of Service accompanies; and that on December 11, 2009, I served a true and correct copy of the following document(s) in the manner indicated below:

## 1. JOINT STIPULATION TO CONTINUE DECEMBER 14, 2009 STATUS CONFERENCE AND PROPOSED ORDER

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